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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 7 – 8, with the following amended paragraph:

The invention provides a film-forming composition comprising pullulan and a setting system. For example, a composition of this invention can contain from 85% to 95% by weight of pullulan and from 5% to 15% by weight of the setting system.

Replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 4 – 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The cation containing salt in the composition serves to enhance the setting ability of the gelling agents. Preferably, the salt comprises cations such as  $K^+$ ,  $Li^+$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ , or  $Mg^{2+}$ , etc. The amount of cations is less than 5% by weight, preferably less than 3%, more preferably 0.01% to 3% by weight, even more preferably 0.5% to 2% by weight, especially 0.01 to 1% by weight in the aqueous pullulan solution. The preferred salt concentration in the solution is less than 2%.

Replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 3 – 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In another preferred embodiment of the present invention, the amount of the sequestering agent is less than 5% by weight, preferably less than 3%, more preferably 0.01% to 3% by weight, even more preferably 0.5% to 2% by weight, especially 0.01 to 1% by weight of the aqueous dipping solution.